



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

By the time you get this Veteran's Day will have passed, but I still wanted to wish everyone a Happy Veteran's Day and thank you for your continued service!! I would like to thank everyone who showed up and helped the Post with the Veteran's Day programs at both the Coon Valley Elementary School and the Westby High School.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped make the Pork Feed a success this year, especially the Chairmen who picked up all the supplies and cooked the meal! Now I need your help. Please come to the meeting so we can discuss the upcoming Fundraiser for Josie Hofslie on Saturday November 26th, we will need a lot of people to make this a success. The

December Raffle is right around the corner on December 3rd and we will be having the early bird drawing at our November meeting. Please call me if you would like a ticket and have not received one yet. See you at the meeting.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

November 16th	Regular Post Meeting -Meal at 7:30pm & Meeting at 8:00pm - -Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
November 17th	Night at the Races - Tomah VA - meet at hall by 5pm
November 26th	S.A.L. Regular Meeting, 7:00pm
December 3rd	December Raffle Fundraiser and Meal
December 5th	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
December 7th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
December 7th	Pearl Harbor Day
December 21st	Regular Post Meeting **5 year increment pins will be handed out** 6:30pm - Candy Pack/Fruit Baskets 7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm - -Lunch Committee: ????
December 28th	S.A.L. Regular Meeting, 7:00pm
January 2nd	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
January 5th	Vernon County Legion Meeting - Viroqua
January 6th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm

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Last Bugle:

Boob Nelson (Layton)

Jerrold Nestingen

Leonard Jorgenson



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Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership - 136

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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Message from S.A.L. Commander : Geoffrey Lenser

Hello members. Thank you for your support during our October events. They all went great. We still have a few members who haven't paid their dues yet. So if you are one of those members, please do so promptly. During the last meeting we decided to change our SAL meeting to the 4th Wednesday of every month and meetings will start at 7:00pm. We hope this time will help bring more members to the meetings. This also should be easier for the younger members to make the meetings. We have a lot to talk about along the lines of change. So please, if your able to, attend the next meeting. We'd enjoy seeing you there. I hope you enjoyed Veteran's Day. Please also help support our Legion family during the Josie Hofslie Benefit coming up on November 26th.

Thank You



BUCKET DRAWING

Leo Nelson

Not Present

November
Drawing will be:
\$30.00

50/50 -
DRAWING
Harlan Helstth
\$53.00

* The Legions portion of the drawing is put towards the building fund

Message from Auxiliary President : Julie Nelson



A warm hello to all of you. We had a very productive meeting in November. Our next meeting is our Christmas party at the Stockyard on December 7th: social hour will start at 6pm, and we'll plan on eating at 7. If you can join us, please call Annette (452-3926), since she is taking care of reservations. As we did last year, please consider bringing a \$5 monetary donation for the local needy (rather than a Christmas gift).

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2012, please do so as soon as you can. Gloria, our Membership Chairperson, informed us at the meeting that we now have 56 paid members, and we are VERY close to our goal. This is great news!

Help needed: Roger Mathison stopped in for a few minutes and spoke about the upcoming fundraiser for Josie Hofslie on Nov 26th. As many of you know, Josie is battling cancer. As an organization, the Auxiliary voted to make a monetary donation as well as the use of our roasters. In addition, the fundraiser will be having a bakesale and is looking for homemade baked goods and pies to sell - you can either drop them off at the Legion hall on Friday (Nov 25th) or on Saturday anytime before 3pm. Finally, anyone who is able to help out at the fundraiser are asked to just show up ready to work. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide!

If you need to contact me, please call 452-2261 and leave a message if I'm not around.

Work Schedule—\$75.00 Raffle—December 3rd 2011

Set-up: 2:00pm: John Thurk Charles Nelson Roger Mathison
 Stuart Peterson Ty Mathison Mike Miller
 Michele Stahl

7-9 pm

Sign in/Meal Roster: Carl Holte
 Charles Servias

6-8 pm

Chuck-a-luck: Richard Brye
 Ken Kammel
 Michele Stahl
 Leon Minor
 Mike Brown
 Mike Miller
 Paul Kabat

8-Drawing

Dick Nestingen
 Micheal Callan
 Dave Hofslie
 Roger Hofslie
 Herb Cornell
 ??????
 Virgil Hanold

Drawing - 1:00 a.m.

Members asked to fill-in as needed
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Tipboards: Roger Mathison
 Dan Hofslie

Roger Mathison
 Chad Hofslie

Charles Nelson
 Ron Hoff

Poker: Larry Torgerson
 Orlin Clark

Bryan Berg
 Calvin Manske

Scott Berg
 Darin Berg

Beat the Dealer: Bill Mathison
 Denny Miller

Geoffrey Lenser
 Steve Vance

Orlin Ihle
 ????????

Black Jack: Rod Ofte
 Tom Daniel

John Elsen
 James Elsen

Brad Role
 Gary Hess

Cashiers & Vegas: Richard Reget
 Frank Mathison

Chuck Lind
 Roger Starkey

John Thurk
 James Hammes

Mini Raffles: Kimberly Olson
 Tom Olson

Ruth Rupp
 Kenneth Rupp

Clean-up :

Sunday 9:00am

Frank Mathison
 Roger Mathison

Stuart Peterson
 Rod Ofte

John Thurk Michele Stahl
 Mike Miller

December Raffle, Saturday December 3rd - * Roger Mathison Chair and Ron Hoff Co-Chair*

Meal catered by: Pogy's. and will be serving from 7:00 to 9:00.

If you are scheduled to work and can't, contact one of the Chair Persons.

Most of the tickets are handed out, but there are many that still need to be sold and turned in. Contact Roger if you need tickets. **The Early Bird drawing will be held at the November meeting so get those tickets sold and turned in.**

Josie Hofslie Benefit

Where: American Legion Hall at Coon Valley

When: November 26th from 3:00 to ????

Please come support Josie, her family, and friends. There will be fun and excitement all day long. A meal will be served through out the day. Events include: Pie auction, silent auction, 50/50 drawings (hourly), Chinese raffle, bake sale, and a live auction starting at 7:00 PM.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK: At the December Legion Meeting we will be handing out the 5 year increment pins for 2011. If you did not get a 5 year increment pin last year, 2010, contact Michele Stahl and let her know what year you should have received.



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On the Lighter Side

Here are some of my favorite Military Warning Labels

“Aim towards the Enemy.” -Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher

“When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend. -U.S. Marine Corps

“Five-second fuses only last three seconds.” -Infantry Journal

“Tracers work both ways.” -U.S. Army Ordnance

Don’t draw fire; it irritates the people around you.” -Your Buddies

“If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him.” -U.S.A.F. Ammo Troop

“It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.” -U.S. Air Force Manual

“Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground.” - U.S.A.F. Ammo Troop

“If the enemy is in range, so are you.” -Infantry Journal